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Control of Corporations and Publicity.

While the faculty of assuming a corporate form has been of the utmost utility in the business world, it is also true that substantially all of the abuses and all of the evils which have arisen from the use of this form have been made possible by the use of this very faculty. It is a perfectly legitimate and effective system of taxation, and we are incidentally able to possess the government and the stockholders and the public of the knowledge of the real business transactions, and the gains and profits of every corporation in the country, we have made a step toward the supervision of corporations which may prevent a further abuse of power.—President Taft.

Herein the President lays down a strong argument in favor of a tax on corporations. Merely as a means of raising revenue, such a tax does not impress us greatly, but as a step toward supervisory control, with accompanying publicity, the proposed legislation is full of merit.

The income likely to be derived, \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000, is an important consideration, of course but more important still would be the far-reaching benefits to public and corporations alike under such a law properly framed. And it is decidedly a sign of progressive development when the Senate leaders give approval to the idea and prepare to support such a measure.

To be effective however, it must be wholly free from exemptions of any sort. As a revenue-raising makeshift, or emergency enactment, it would be of doubtful expediency at best, but embracing a permanent national policy, its enduring results for good could hardly be gainsaid.

Nothing will so quickly correct corporate abuses as publicity—"a knowledge of the real business transactions," as the President puts it. Corporations already are seeing the advantages of it, for the best managed of them are to-day adopting methods of publicity as conducive to greater success. They see profit in it as a business proposition.

Whatever may be thought of the taxation proposition itself—and it has not been cordially received—the feature of supervisory control and publicity which it aims at will assuredly grow in favor as that feature comes to be generally understood. The enactment, considered from this viewpoint alone, would tend to offset in no small measure disappointment in the tariff schedules, and record to the credit of the administration a notable achievement—provided, as we have indicated, that the measure as passed be properly framed to carry out the fundamental idea incorporated in the President's message.

"Senator Bailey considers the Denver platform a cross between a mistake and a joke," says the Baltimore American. At least, it seems to be a cross free Democratic Senators are willing to bear.

Oil as a Naval Fuel.

A long-deferred action appears about to be taken by the naval authorities in acquiring the means of transporting oil for use as liquid fuel. There will soon be in commission no less than fifteen torpedo-boat destroyers which will use oil exclusively as a fuel. Nothing has been done since the oil-burning craft was designed and the contracts for their construction were awarded to provide the necessary special means of maintaining a reserve stock of this valuable material or the facilities for transporting it from the bases of supply to the boats themselves when those vessels are at a distance from the oil tanks. The Navy Department some time ago ascertained where oil could be obtained on the Atlantic coast, and located private plants and dealers who could be called upon for liquid fuel. But this precaution is only a casual one and of temporary value. It will be necessary to have permanent means of transporting oil to the boats which use only that fuel and which are apt to find themselves at sea with empty oil tanks. It is necessary, also, for the Navy Department to have a place where oil may be stored in anticipation of the emergency which will call for great quantities of it without delay.

It is necessary to adopt a method which shall avoid the chance of excessive charge for the material in the event of war. It would appear to have been no great manifestation of official sagacity to arrange for this storage and transportation of liquid fuel, inasmuch as the navy is to have oil-burning torpedo-boat destroyers. It is reported that the department has undertaken the design of oil barges, but nothing appears yet to have been accomplished toward establishing the means of the storage of oil at places which shall correspond with the naval

coal depots. Unless the naval authorities awake to the importance of this measure of fuel provision they will find themselves some day confronted with an embarrassing and costly situation.

As we understand Mr. Bryan, while he will not run for the Senate, he would not run from it exactly.

Color Line Episode.

Says the Milwaukee Sentinel:

"Greenville (Miss.) is sensitive on the color question, and the bishop's (Lampton) conduct was such as to rouse the sleeping lion of popular vengeance. Let this uprising of an infuriated community be a warning to colored people. Let them reflect seriously on the swift retribution of Bishop Lampton's terrible act."

"We forgot to mention that Bishop Lampton's crime was his mad request that a white telephone operator address his daughter as 'Miss' Lampton when calling her up over the instrument. 'Miss' Lampton, 'Shocking, shocking! Whither are we drifting?'

Nevertheless and notwithstanding, it is just such negroes as this Bishop Lampton that get the colored race down South into more different varieties of trouble in a minute than half a dozen Booker Washingtons can get it out of in a week. White telephone girls in Dixie are not going to address negro girls as 'Miss.' Now, those people who care to discuss the ifs, ands, whys, and wherefores of that proposition are welcome to do so to their hearts' content; the facts will remain just as we have stated them for all their pains and theorizing. Philosophical conclusions are all very well in their way, but they never have made a native Mississippi white girl call a colored girl 'Miss.' Let those who incline to butt that brick wall butt it; it will not hurt the wall, but it may develop a sore head here and there.

Plainly enough, Mississippi is no place for Bishop Lampton. He is neither useful therein nor ornamental. His race will be the better off for absent treatment, so far as his doctoring is concerned. No doubt he has his good points, but Mississippi is not his most fertile field of activity—not by a thousand miles or so, we should say.

We have an abundant sympathy for the negro in his effort to better his condition, wherever and whenever that effort manifests itself along rational lines; but with the one who raises a rumpus at the telephone exchange because the white girl operator will not address his daughter as 'Miss,' we have no patience. His kind are the very kind that hold the negro back; they lose him much genuine help and assistance that might come to him otherwise. There may be two sides to this, theoretically—or even morally, if you please—but as a practical proposition it invariably comes out one way, and one way only. And the sooner the negro learns that long-distance theory affects him little, whereas home-base practice affects him very much, just that moment will be given him a light that will guide him along pathways that will carry him far.

A prominent Cuban says his country "is tired of revolutions." That is well enough, for Cuba has only one revolution coming to it, in any circumstances, it is generally believed.

What the President May Do.

The President called together Congress in special session for the purpose of enacting a tariff bill the nature of which he did not assume to indicate. The House passed a bill recognizing the valid demand of our manufacturers for free raw materials, and reducing duties in a single important schedule, but increasing duties at some points to such an extent that the consequent public outcry compelled the Senate Finance Committee to eliminate them. Taking the silence of the President to mean consent, the Senate has proceeded to increase duties on its own account and to restore the rates on raw materials, until it appears certain that the resulting measure as it goes into conference from the upper body will be the strongest protective measure ever planned by American statesmen.

We are rejoiced to learn, on the most trustworthy authority, that the President is fully cognizant of this situation, and that he purposes to make his influence powerfully felt on the side of a real tariff revision, in accord with his pre-election pledges. We are assured that when the bill reached conference his efforts will be directed toward securing the acceptance of lower duties than those demanded by the unreasonable protectionist spirits of either House.

Probably nothing in the way of revision of rates already agreed upon by both Houses will occur. But he can insist that the lowest rate adopted in either House shall be accepted by both. This would mean, for example, the placing of certain raw materials on the free list, the abolition of the oil joker, and a slight reduction in the lumber duty.

Even should the President be successful in effecting an agreement on these reductions, the measure as a whole, composed largely of the old Dingley rates, with a retaliatory maximum added, would fall far short of satisfying genuine tariff reformers, however much it would serve to propitiate the low-tariff sentiment within the Republican party.

Our judgment has been that the President should have spoken strongly at the outset of Congressional revision. Had he done so, he would have found a powerful public opinion at his back that would have aided him in accomplishing more valuable results than can be attained at the present juncture. Should he at the last hour employ the legitimate influence of his high office to protect the public welfare, he will discover that the people of the country are with him.

His opportunity is now or never in the matter of tariff revision.

"The Republican party is the party of the man," says a contemporary. Yes, and the man, apparently, is Nelson W. Aldrich, of Rhode Island.

Mrs. Howard Gould says it is impossible for her to build on less than \$40,000 per annum, but just now the chances appear to be extra-superfine that she will have it to do in the future, nevertheless and notwithstanding.

Mrs. Howard Gould claims it was not whisky, but drugs. Here we are, up against that pesky problem again—what is whisky?

Now that John Bull has been scared almost out of his wits for fear something grand, gloomy, and peculiar is about to happen to him, the jingoes in

Parliament, doubtless, will gradually let it be known just how many more battle ships they want right away.

A family of Smiths has managed to get mixed up in one of those Kentucky feuds. If there is a family of Joneses on the other side, the thing probably never will be wound up.

An English court has decided that it is perfectly possible to libel a fictitious person. The consumer, therefore, may have legal grounds on which to proceed against Senator Lodge, after all!

Notwithstanding the heat, Congress may remain in session all summer. Congress probably figures that, no matter how hot it gets, it never again can be as hot as it was when the colonel was running the government.

"May a progressive divorcee collect alimony from more than one ex-husband?" is a new legal inquiry. We think she may, but we do not think it likely she will.

"It makes no difference who your grandfather was. Who are you?" Inquires a sage philosopher. A case in point: Patrick Calhoun, of San Francisco, is a direct descendant of John C. Calhoun, late of South Carolina.

According to Senator Beveridge, one of our American "infant industries" has a cheerful habit of selling the same grade of cash registers for \$50 in this country that it delivers in Europe for \$125. And yet there are people who marvel that Puck should have been moved to remark, "What fools these mortals be!"

"The popular brain food now is punk," says the Providence Journal. Perhaps. Popular taste is erratic, to be sure.

The Augusta Herald inclines to fear that "Little Joe" Brown may grow to be too big for the jeans breeches of his inauguration suit. Well, we cannot say with certainty, of course, but we suspect "Little Joe" knows there are more jeans where the original supply came from.

A lot of sensible people in this world will conclude, if they think right hard, that the Mrs. Howard Goulds are perhaps more to be pitied than scorned.

Don Marquis thinks Atlanta would be a good town if only it might be "cleaned up." If Atlanta will get a baseball team like Washington's, every town in that end of the country will cheerfully and regularly clean it up.

"Mr. Taft will never be offered a dollar per word for magazine contributions," says a contemporary. Perhaps not; and yet fate may have kinder things than that in store for him.

Senator Heyburn's humor is not only convincing, it is positively convulsing.

"Dayton has about as few 'What's-the-users' as any city in the world," says the News of that burg. What's the use of a 'What's the user' anyway?

"The first duty of young womanhood," advises a commencement orator, "is to learn to say no." With a mental reservation, now and then.

Oh, you, June, in our hours of ease, uncertain, coy, and hard to please. But seen too oft, familiar with thy face, we first endure, then pity, then embrace—or words to that effect.

• THE KNOCKER.

I live to run my chickens upon my neighbor's lawn; I live to raise the chickens from sunset until dawn; to spend my time in whining, and grunting and repining, and when the sun is shining, to swear the sunlight's gone. I live to loaf and languish while others strive and toil, to kick up lots of anguish, and trouble and turmoil; I live to find and handle all sorts of grief and scandal; folks say I am a vandal, and should be boiled in oil. I live to scoff at virtue, I live to make a fad, of all the things that hurt you, and put you to the bad; I live to prove the thesis that hope's as dead as Greece is, and honor shot to pieces, and all the world gone mad. I live to fuss and clamor, while others smile and sing; to pack around a hammer, and knock on everything; to make my tongue a saber, and slash at useful labor; to criticise my neighbor—and thus I have my fling.

WALT MASON.

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A LITTLE NONSENSE.

DARK FOREBODINGS.

They say that Caesar couldn't fight; they say that William Tell Was a galoot who couldn't shoot, at least not very well.

They say Leander couldn't swim. In countless ways they try To rob us of the tales we love and leave us high and dry.

They say that Nero couldn't play the violin or sing; That Mary's lamb was but a sham, a legendary thing.

They'll rob us of the comfort of Mother Goose, that lovable old crone, Nor leave us with a single myth to treasure for our own.

He Had Another Guess.

"I see you with Miss Giddigirl a good deal."

"Yes; it's just a little harmless flirtation."

"Is it? She's asked me to be a bridesmaid."

Always a Way.

"The cook has furnished rather small portions," said the hostess. "The women guests won't eat much; but how about the men?"

"I'll circulate around and nominate each of 'em to make an after-dinner speech," responded the host. "That will effectually kill off their appetites."

One Explanation.

"Why is it easier for a man who has a job to get another job?"

"Well, an employer will often give a man good references in order to get rid of him."

This Year.

Those who want a place to stay Where refreshing breezes play, Rather cleverly Go to Beverly.

Traffic sort of heads that way.

No Doubt.

"I've been reading about this cur of Juggernaut. Why did people hurt themselves beneath its ponderous wheels?"

"Oh, I suppose it needed fixing occasionally, like other machines."

Of Course.

"Mankind cannot live without poetry." "Evidently the poets don't think so."

"If it did, they'd combine and put up the price."

The Pessimist.

We make him pause in his repining; make him admit the silver lining may be there, as stated. Alas, he is a hardened stinner, and says he'll manager us a dinner that lining's only plated.

Pertinent Query.

From the New York Mail.

"What would the United States do if England were attacked by a superior force?" is a question that has been asked on the other side. There is a question nearer home which should be asked and answered first: "What would the self-governing British colonies do?"

They are tendering Dreadnoughts to the imperial fleet, and when the Boer war came on they voted money and sent troops to South Africa against a foe cut off from the water and with no means of retreating upon them. This, however, established no precedent for such a condition as that about which conjecture now ranges.

What would Canada, New Zealand, Australia, and British South Africa do if some naval power of the first rank should attack the mother country and at the same time should announce that it would respect the neutrality of the colonies provided they practiced it themselves, but would send expeditions against them if they attempted to take part?

Near-war Scare.

From the Atlanta Constitution.

American jingoes have wisely forborne the attempt to make capital out of the current anti-Japanese furore in the Hawaiian Islands.

Despite the fact that feeling there is reported to be intense, and even that the editor of a Japanese paper has appealed direct to his government for "protection" to view the situation seriously.

There is a large Japanese contingent in Hawaii, and it is wisely recognized that among these it is logical to expect the usual percentage of hot-heads, seizing upon the slightest provocation to wax hysterical.

It appears that as a sequence of the labor disputes in the islands the United States authorities found papers in the possession of a Japanese editor clearly identifying him with a criminal conspiracy.

He was promptly arrested, whereupon he turned to Tokyo with a melodramatic declaration that his treaty rights had been abused.

Since the government would have arrested a German, a Frenchman, a Chinese, or an American on the same ground, it is evident his appeal will excite little sympathy with the advisers of the Mikado.

Treaty rights' between any nations do not include the privilege of invoking intervention from one's native country to escape the consequences of a recognized infraction of law.

His Reason.

From Town and Country.

Daughter—Pa, why do you hang around the parlor while Mr. Stikes is calling on me?

Father—I'm afraid you'll say something to him that'll make him a burden on me for the rest of my life!

THE GRADUATES.

He planned when at last he acquired His fund of complete erudition, From some banking house of repute He meant to "accept a position."

A few brief months With that played job, Behind him go To hunt a job!

He planned when at last he acquired His store of unparalleled learning, A wedding ring he would accept From some millionaire most discerning.

A few brief months Some changes make, Behind her learn To be a hostess!

—Melancthon Wilcox, in the New York Sun.

SISTERS OF BACCHUS.

Romans Punished Drinking Women with Death.

From the Boston Transcript.

For many centuries the Romans were water drinkers, the favorable location of a bountiful spring now just rediscovered having determined the location of the great city itself. Wine was used on important occasions or as a medicine, and women were not expected to drink it. The feeling in Rome was much toward women wine bibbers, as it has been until recently in Europe regarding women who smoke. At the time of the Christian era the women drank only a sweet wine, and many are the anecdotes of punishment under the Roman law that made the family council arbiters of life or death of the women who drank and of her who stole her husband's keys to the wine cellar.

In a vaunting way the Romans for a long time decried the use of fine wines. Cato boasted of having partaken of the same wine as his oarsmen. "But then," said the speaker, "Cato was a queer fellow, who pleased himself by ridiculing luxury." It was unworthy of a Roman to admire a choice wine. The Greeks and the wine producers, as are the French to-day, were the conquerors. They served at feasts in single portions, even at great dinners. This was the earlier condition.

As Rome spread about the world the wine was distributed throughout Italy, and the greater the conquests of foreign territory the stronger the home industry of wine producing. There is evidently a relationship between the two facts. As the policy of culture increased luxury spread, and with it increased the old-time aversion was dispelled and city and country would grow again the next year, but an army cuts and burns trees and vineyards, and Spartacus was a species of phylloxera. As China fears people learned to drink. Rome not only slaked its thirst, but had veritable fountains of wine. The wars had two growing countries and the conquerors Italy the skilled vinecultivators of the best regions. Just as there have been recently in California vine dressers from Piedmont and Sicily, so in those days Aegaeon farmers found employment in planting in Italy the vine of their home islands.

Wine was most important in the political relations between Rome and its provinces. Rome taught them war, building, language, and to drink wine. Gaul prohibited its importation. As China fears opium and France abstinence, so the ancient colonies feared the influence of wine. But this feeling disappeared when they were annexed and began to be assimilated. And as the colonies increased the prosperity of the mother country did likewise, and largely through the vine, whose products found in every new province an additional field. Love of wine followed the army and the more Germany, Dalmatia, and Pannonia drank the more filled were the coffers at home.

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